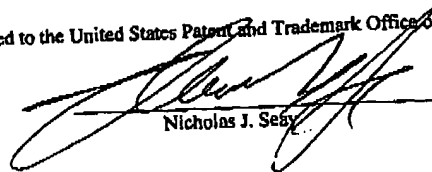


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AMENDMENT

Commissioner For Patents  
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Dear Sir:

In response to an Office Action dated September 24, 2001 in the file of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

In the Specification:

Please substitute the following new paragraph for the paragraph which was previously substituted in the Amendment mailed July 2, 2001, which in turn substituted for the paragraph in the specification starting on page 5, line 31 and extending onto page 6, line 7.

An illustration of the three dimensional structure of the human ribonuclease inhibitor is illustrated in Fig. 1. The sequence of the ribonuclease inhibitor can be found in Lee et al. Biochemistry 27:8545-8553 (1988), the disclosure of which is hereby incorporated by reference. From both Figure 1 and the sequence of the protein, it can be readily seen that some of the cysteine residues are located adjacent to each other. The amino acid residues at